

## **EMILIA LECHUGA-BASS CIVIL RIGHTS INTERNSHIP**

Litt, Estuar, Harrison & Kitson, LLP, a private civil rights law firm, is accepting applications for its annual civil rights internship for recent college graduates. The internship is intended to provide one year of experience working in a civil rights/public interest law firm before attending law school.

This internship is named for Emilia Lechuga-Bass. Emilia was a young woman planning to attend law school with the hope of practicing civil rights law. She was going to work at the firm prior to attending law school. Emilia, who came from a politically active family in Los Angeles, was to work on a range of issues to introduce her to the world of civil rights law. She was to more closely link the firm's civil rights impact work with the goals and needs of Los Angeles communities by partnering with community organizations. Tragically, Emilia was killed in a car accident just before beginning her work at the firm.



So that others may reach their goals, the firm has created an annual internship in Emilia's name to provide experience to young people hoping to attend law school with the goal of practicing civil rights and public interest law. The internship will provide an introduction into these areas by gaining real world experiences in a civil rights/public interest law firm.

Applicants for the Internship must meet the following criteria:

1. Have graduated from undergraduate college within five years of the commencement of the Internship.
2. Intend to attend law school within a year after completion of the Internship and to ultimately practice civil rights/public interest law.
3. Demonstrated history of community service or political activity.
4. Skills in the use of Microsoft Office applications.
5. Completion of the Internship Application.

Factors to be considered by the firm choosing each year's civil rights intern will include academic performance, community and political experience, work experience, writing skills, and references. Experience in the Los Angeles area working with communities of color, and fluent bilingual skills in Spanish, are considered a plus. California Assemblymember Karen Bass, Professor Gary Blasi of the UCLA School of Law, and firm partner Barry Litt will serve on the committee to choose the intern. Compensation for the intern in 2008-9 is set at \$16.50/hour, plus health and dental benefits.

Applications may be obtained by visiting the website of Assemblymember Karen Bass [[democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a47/](http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a47/)] or the firm's website [[www.littlaw.com](http://www.littlaw.com)], or by calling the firm at 213-386-3114 and speaking with Leticia Moreno to request an application. The application indicates the supplemental materials to be provided with the application form.

Applications are due annually by **March 1**. A decision will be made by April 30. The internship will last from July 1 to June 30, year-to-year.